

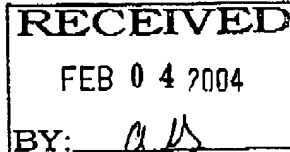


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| 10/676,537         | 09/30/2003             | Jai N. Subrahmanyam   | K35A1176               |

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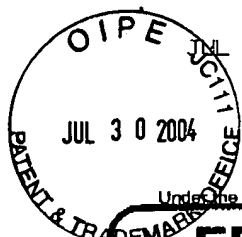
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| 1203 290                      | 2203 145                      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
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| 1402 330      | 2402 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
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| 1802 900      | 1802 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

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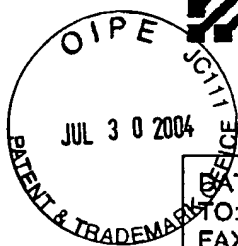
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|   | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR  | Jai N. SUBRAHMANYAM |
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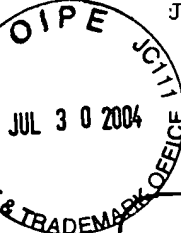
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